

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

GRANDSTAFF 

ROKOSCH

CHILCOTT 

DRISCOLL 

IMAN 

PLETTENBERG (Clerk & Recorder)

Date.....January 14, 2009

Members Present..... Commissioner Carlotta Grandstaff, Commissioner Jim Rokosch, Commissioner Kathleen Driscoll and Commissioner J.R. Iman

Minutes: Beth Perkins

► Commissioners Chilcott attended a Loss Control Conference and legislative hearings in Helena for the day.

► The Board met for the adoption of Resolution No. 2373 to dissolve the Board of Adjustment and Resolution No. 2374 to dissolve the Streamside Setback Committee.

Commissioner Rokosch made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2373 to dissolve the Board of Adjustment. Commissioner Driscoll seconded the motion and all voted 'aye'.

Commissioner Grandstaff discussed the possibility of the Streamside Setback Committee continuing for educational purposes. Planning Director John Lavey disagreed. He stated as citizens they may continue working however, it should not be affiliated with the County to avoid any conflicts. Commissioner Rokosch agreed with John. He stated the Committee has accomplished their goal of providing draft regulations and they should be dissolved. The Board concurred.

Commissioner Rokosch made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2374 to dissolve the Streamside Setback Committee. Commissioner Driscoll seconded the motion and all voted 'aye'.

► The Board met for an update with I.T. Director Joe Frohlich. Present were I.T. Assistant Rick Hancock and Administrative Assistant Glenda Wiles.

Commissioner Grandstaff requested an update about the OVAW grant. Joe stated he discussed the OVAW grant with Commissioner Grandstaff on Monday. He stated his office was contacted in the afternoon notifying him grant monies needed to be spent by the end of that day. Glenda added the grant was from 2004 with a three day extension and the request for the equipment purchase was at the end of the day. Joe stated he notified the Department Head which is Under Sheriff Kevin McConnell of the last minute email requesting to spend remaining grant funds. Joe expressed his concern with spending money at the last minute and the responsibility of spending it wisely within grant guidelines. He stated he felt obligated to meet the demand and was in a predicament however, there was no time to investigate wise purchases. Joe stated it did not feel right and he questioned the whole proceeding. Commissioner Rokosch asked if there was consultation to Joe for the grant with his FTE .02 commitment. Joe replied no and he was not aware of the commitment in depth. Commissioner Rokosch stated this needs to be a discussion behind closed doors with supervisors and it is a personnel matter. The Board concurred. Further discussion followed regarding the integration of City and County I.T. Departments. Joe expressed his concern with the integration and the type of software needed. He stated the City is using SWIFT software and the County is on Logisys. Commissioner Rokosch expressed his concern with the Board support of this grant. Glenda stated the main key is communication between all parties involved with these grants. Joe added there are some good ideas but everyone involved needs to be part of the conversation to know what the commitments are. Commissioner Rokosch expressed further concern with budget monies committed and the fiscal responsibility of the Board.

Joe gave a review of the I.T. Conference last month. He stated the conference was focused on the implementation of Office 2007 software for the County. He stated several ideas were presented such as paying traffic tickets online. He also discussed virtualization and workstations. Joe stated the savings would be astronomical. Discussion followed regarding feasibility and affordability.

Joe stated informational policy procedures are going to be implemented. He stated it will take years, but it will affect the County. He stated he will be working with MACo and the State for the policy. Commissioner Rokosch stated there has to be consideration of the fiscal ramifications and it needs to be conveyed to the State. It is another past unfunded mandate. Glenda stated the money for the MT State Court grant is not enough. She stated the grant application was for \$21,000 and \$3,000 was promised from the OVAW grant. She stated they did not receive the \$3,000 as promised. She stated they ordered the 16 port system but they will not be able to purchase all the desired equipment. The Board concurred there will be a meeting to address these concerns.

► Commissioners Grandstaff attended a Hamilton Planning Board meeting in the evening.